COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING EVALUATION

UNIT: 213, 213A PMs

DATE: November 27, 1995

TIME: 1905 Hours

LOCATION: [redacted] East 118th Street, Willowbrook (County)

URN#: 095-28396-2135-051

IAB#: 009783

NATURE OF INCIDENT: While deputies from Century Station were staking out a car stolen in an earlier carjacking, the suspects came back and drove away. After a brief pursuit, the suspects pulled into a driveway of a residence and abandoned the car. As they did so, one of the suspects fired several rounds at the deputies. The deputies returned the suspect's fire wounding him in the shoulder. The suspect fled on foot but was eventually located and arrested. The other suspect immediately surrendered.

COMPLETED BY: Sergeant Paul Stemmler
Internal Affairs Bureau

DATE: January 2, 1996

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On November 27, 1995, at 2130 hours, Sergeants Stemmler and Huggins of the Internal Affairs Bureau proceeded to Century Station in response to a deputy-involved shooting. The location, [redacted] East 118th Street, Willowbrook, is a residential driveway and yard.

Homicide Detectives Joe Holmes and Dave Castillo responded to the scene to handle the incident and they were assisted by Homicide Detectives Joe Purcell and Mark Lillienfield. Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators were briefed at the scene by Lieutenant Benedict of Homicide Bureau and subsequently received a copy of the Homicide Bureau Supplemental Report (Exhibit A).

The following summary of the incident is based on reports and memoranda contained in this packet and verbal briefings by Homicide Investigators. This summary is preliminary and does not contain Internal Affairs Bureau interviews with Deputies Bruce **Chase**, Michael **Thomas** or Angel **Jaimes**. Additionally, the interviews of the two suspects and a witness were not conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators. The summary of their actions and/or observations was obtained from memoranda and supplemental reports which are included in this review.

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On November 27, 1995, at 1800 hours, Deputies Bruce **Chase** and Michael **Thomas** (Unit 213) responded and took a report of a carjacking that had occurred at 115th Place and Mona Boulevard. The victim told them he had been robbed at gunpoint of his car by a male Black (later identified as Keith **Russell**, MB/18) riding a bicycle. He told the deputies the man had driven off in his car. The victim gave a description and license number of his car to the deputies who then initiated a crime broadcast.

Approximately 10-15 minutes later, the stolen car was located several blocks away, unoccupied. **Chase** and **Thomas**, along with Deputies [redacted] and Angel **Jaimes** (Unit 213A) set up a containment of the area. A short time later, a Black male (Suspect Latece **Brown**, MB/25) entered the car and drove away. The suspect then engaged the deputies in a short pursuit that started on 117th Street just east of Willowbrook Avenue and ended in the driveway of [redacted] East 118th Street, a distance of about one city block. Deputies **Chase** and **Thomas** told Homicide investigators that during the pursuit, the driver, Suspect Latece **Brown**, kept looking over his shoulder at the deputies.

IAB NOTE: For details of the route of the pursuit, refer to Exhibit B, pp. 3-11, Homicide Bureau's summary of the interviews of the involved deputies.

Before the vehicle came to a complete stop in the driveway (See Exhibit C, diagram of location), a second suspect (Keith **Russell**) rose from a hidden position in the back seat of the car and exited through the right rear passenger's door. As he did, **Chase** and **Thomas** saw that he was holding a pistol in one of his hands.

Deputy **Chase** (the driver) then saw Suspect **Brown** exit the driver's door with a pistol in his hand. At the same time he (**Chase**) saw muzzle flashes coming from the passenger side of the vehicle.

He told Homicide investigators (Exhibit B, p. 5) that he now thought that the two armed suspects were not going to surrender without a gunfight, so, still seated in the radio car for fear of exposing himself to Suspect **Brown** if he exited, fired 9 rounds from his Beretta at Suspect **Russell.**

IAB NOTE: Three of the nine rounds **Chase** fired struck the spotlight on the driver's side of his radio car.

Chase said he saw that Suspect **Brown** was now prone next to the driver's door and had discarded his gun. He also saw Suspect **Russell** running northbound from the car still firing at them. **Chase** discarded his magazine and reloaded with a fresh one and then, with the assistance of his partner, handcuffed Suspect **Brown** and took him into custody.

Deputy **Thomas** (the bookman) said that when the car came to a stop, he saw Suspect **Russell** exit the passenger's door, run to the front of the car, then turn and fire several shots in his direction. He returned the fire and then saw **Russell** run north through a vacant lot, away from them.

Thomas said he then saw that the other suspect was laying on the ground. At that point, he heard **Russell** firing again and saw several muzzle flashes. He told Homicide investigators that he was stunned and surprised that **Russell** was still firing at them instead of trying to get away (Exhibit B, p. 7). He again returned fire at **Russell**'s position and then realized that Deputy **Jaimes** had by now run up beside him and was also firing at **Russell's** position in the rear of the yard. He said he saw **Russell** jump over a fence and disappear. **Thomas** fired a total of 16 rounds from his Beretta and reloaded with a fresh magazine but did not fire any rounds from it.

IAB NOTE: **Thomas** had been assigned to Century Station as a trainee for two weeks prior to the shooting. **Chase** was his regularly assigned Training Officer.

Deputy **Jaimes** told Homicide investigators (Exhibit B, pp. 8-10) he and his partner had followed the other unit's pursuit of the stolen car closely. He said he saw the car stop in the driveway and Suspect **Russell** exit with a gun in his hand. He exited his radio car and ran to the rear of **Chase** and **Thomas'** radio car and assessed the situation. He said he could see **Russell** shooting at them from the rear of the yard so he knelt down beside **Chase** and returned **Russell**'s fire. He said he could clearly see muzzle flashes coming from **Russell's** position. **Jaimes** fired a total of 3 rounds from his Beretta.

IAB NOTE: **Jaimes** had been assigned to Century Station as a trainee since August of 1995. [redacted] was his regularly assigned Training Officer.

IAB NOTE: Homicide investigator's narrative (Exhibit B) indicates that they were unable to locate any shell casings other than those found near the deputies' vehicle. However, Scientific Services diagram (Exhibit C, "J" and "M") indicates that two casings were found north of the stolen vehicle. Homicide investigators returned the next day and also recovered two projectiles (Exhibit B, page 1, Evidence Held, Item #26 and #27) which were submitted to Scientific Services for comparison. At the time of submission of this report neither the projectiles nor the casings have been examined to determine their origin.

Deputy [redacted], Deputy **Jaimes**' Training Officer, said he thought there was going to be a foot pursuit after he saw the suspects exit the vehicle. He told Homicide investigators that he told

Jaimes to get out and help the other deputies chase the suspects. He said he then drove around the block to 117th Street, north of the stolen car, to set up a containment of the area and prevent the suspects from escaping (Exhibit B, pp. 10, 11).

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Suspect **Brown** was arrested at the scene when he gave up without firing a shot. His gun was recovered inside the stolen car.

IAB NOTE: Sergeant Bruce Harris of the Scientific Services Bureau's Ballistics Section stated to Sergeant Stemmler of the Internal Affairs Bureau that although Suspect **Brown**'s gun had not been fired that evening, it has been identified as having been used in three previous homicides.

Suspect **Russell** was apprehended a short time later hiding in the containment area. **Russell** incurred a gunshot wound to his right shoulder.

IAB NOTE: Medical records of Suspect Russell were not included in Homicide's package to Internal Affairs Bureau and it is unknown if the wound was caused by the projectile entering the front or rear of **Russell**'s shoulder.

IAB NOTE: Russell's gun was located near the fence north of the vehicles. Homicide Bureau's notes do not indicate how many rounds the magazine contained. Scientific Services Bureau reports on the condition of the gun were not included in the packet.

Both suspects gave somewhat inconsistent and self-conflicting statements to the Homicide investigators as to their culpability. Suspect **Russell** however, admitted he had stolen the car at gunpoint. He said that when the pursuit ended, he exited the car with a gun in his hand, ran north through the vacant lot and jumped a fence. He said he accidentally fired two rounds from his gun while attempting to get over the fence.

IAB NOTE: Homicide investigator Joe Holmes was advised by Sergeant Bill Winn of Century Station that several "gang members" from the 117th Street Crips had searched the crime scene after investigators had left the location. Sergeant Winn learned of this from people living near the location. Both suspects admitted to being members or ex-members of the 117th Street Crips gang. It is unknown if any undiscovered evidence was disturbed as a result of this search.

IAB NOTE: Gunshot residue tests conducted on both suspects have not been completed at the time of submission of this report.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 1995 **FILE NO.** 095-28396-2135-051

C- ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER WITH A SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARM - 245(D)(2) PC, UNLAWFUL DRIVING OR TAKING OF A VEHICLE 10851(A) CVC, CARJACKING - 215(A) PC, RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY - 496(A) PC, UNLAWFUL FIREARM ACTIVITY - 12021(E) PC, CARRYING A LOADED FIREARM IN PUBLIC - 12031(A) PC, PERMITTING A LOADED FIREARM IN A VEHICLE - 12034(A) PC

ACTION: ACTIVE/INVESTIGATION MADE/EVIDENCE SEIZED/WITNESSES INTERVIEWED/SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY AND INTERVIEWED/CASE FILED WITH LYNWOOD-COMPTON JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT/RETENTION CHANGED FROM "6" TO "0"/STAT CHANGED FROM "038" TO 051"

V- **JAIMES, ANGEL EUSTORGIO MW/[redacted] DEPUTY SHERIFF (NOT INJURED)**

V- **THOMAS, MICHAEL OMAR MW/[redacted] DEPUTY SHERIFF (NOT INJURED)**

V- **CHASE, BRUCE DAVID MW/[redacted] DEPUTY SHERIFF (NOT INJURED)**

D- 11/27/95 (MONDAY) 1803 HOURS

L- [redacted] EAST 115 STREET LOS ANGELES 90059

S- **RUSSELL, KEITH KEYON MB/18 DOB: 12/08/76 (IN CUSTODY)**
BKG: 4632585 CDL: -[redacted] CII: [redacted]
MAIN: [redacted] FBI: [redacted] LA: [redacted]
(245(A)(2) PC, 215(A) PC)

S- **BROWN, LATECE MEGALE MB/25 DOB: 10/25/70 (IN CUSTODY)**
BKG: 4632538 CDL: [redacted] CII: [redacted]
MAIN: [redacted] FBI: [redacted] LA: [redacted]
(10851(A) CVC, 496(A) PC, 10231(A) PC, 12021(E) PC, 12034(A) PC)

EVIDENCE HELD:

Item #26- One copper projectile jacket. (Recovered from backyard of [redacted] by Deputy Terence Johnson #[redacted]).

Item #27- One copper projectile jacket. (Recovered by Sergeant Bill Winn #[redacted] at the rear of [redacted] East 118 Street).

Item #28- One Gunshot Residue Kit, #16918.

Item #29- One Gunshot Residue Kit, #16923.

Item #30- One pair of brown gloves.

Item #31- Clothing, consisting of (1) pair of blue jeans, (1) black belt, (1) pair of black tennis shoes, and (1) pair of white socks. (Property of Keith Russell)

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On 11/27/95 (Monday) at 2210 hours Investigators arrived at [redacted] East 118 Street in the City of Los Angeles to investigate the circumstances surrounding the assault on Deputies Angel Jaimes, Michael Thomas, and Bruce Chase, and the shooting injury of Keith Russell.

Deputies Marcelo Quintero #[redacted] and Rodney Elliott #[redacted], Unit 217, Century Sheriff's Station, advised Investigators they arrived at [redacted] East 118 Street in response to a request for assistance by deputies involved in a pursuit and shooting. An armed carjacking occurred at [redacted] at approximately 1803 hours. Unit 213, Deputies Michael Thomas and Bruce Chase, and Unit 213A, Deputies Angel Jaimes and [redacted] #[redacted], located the stolen vehicle and went in pursuit of it. The pursuit started on 117 Street, just east of Willowbrook Avenue, and ended in the driveway of [redacted] East 118 Street. Mr. Keith Russell, the passenger of the stolen vehicle, exited with a pistol and engaged the Victims (Deputies) in a gun battle. Mr. Russell ran and was subsequently found hiding a short distance away. Mr. Russell was wounded in the right shoulder during the incident. Mr. Latece Brown, the driver of the stolen vehicle, was also armed with a pistol, but he surrendered without incident.

Los Angeles County Paramedics, Engine Company #41, arrived and gave medical treatment to Mr. Russell's gunshot wound. Mr. Russell was transported to Los Angeles County Medical Center for further medical examination and treatment. Mr. Brown was booked at Century Sheriff's Station. Prior to the arrival of paramedics to treat Mr. Russell at the scene, a field show-up was performed and Mr. Russell was identified by Mr. [redacted], the victim of the carjacking, as the person responsible for the theft of his vehicle.

Deputies Quintero and Elliott will prepare a report regarding their actions and observations, which will be made a permanent part of this file.

On 11/27/95 (Monday) at 2140 hours Deputy Dale Falicon #[redacted] and Mr. Alex Strouzer, Scientific Services Bureau - Latent Prints, arrived at the location and photographed and video taped the crime scene at the direction of Investigators. Deputy Falicon and Mr. Strouzer will prepare supplementary reports regarding their actions and observations, which will be made a permanent part of this file.

On 11/28/95 (Tuesday) at 0030 hours Mr. Dale Higashi, Scientific Services Bureau - Firearms, arrived at the location for the recovery and examination of firearms evidence at the direction of Investigators. Mr. Higashi will prepare a supplementary report regarding his actions and observations, which will be made a permanent part of this file.

Investigators Joe Purcell and Mark Lillienfeld, of Sheriff's Homicide Bureau, handled and managed the crime scene, while Investigators Holmes and Castillo conducted interviews. Investigators Purcell and Lillienfeld will prepare a supplementary report regarding their actions and observations, which will be made a permanent part of this file.

On 11/27/95 (Monday) at 2350 hours Investigators interviewed **DEPUTY BRUCE DAVID CHASE MW/**[redacted] of Century Sheriff's Station. This interview was tape recorded and the following is a synopsis of that interview.

Deputy Chase told Investigators he has been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for approximately seven years. He has been working a patrol assignment for approximately (4 1/2) years. On 11/27/95 he was working in a patrol function during the PM shift as Unit 213, with his partner Deputy Michael Thomas. He was in full uniform and driving a marked patrol unit.

On 11/27/95 (Monday) at approximately 1800 hours he and Deputy Thomas went to a carjacking just occurred call at 115 Place and Mona Boulevard. They were assisted by Unit 213A, Deputies [redacted] and Angel Jaimes. The Victim of the carjacking, Mr. [redacted], was Spanish speaking only, so Deputies [redacted] and Jaimes interpreted. Mr. [redacted] told them he had been sitting in his friends vehicle when he was robbed by a male Black at gunpoint. The suspect, who had been on a bicycle, drove off in the vehicle, leaving his bicycle at the location. The suspect was described as a male Black 18-20 years of age, approximately 6'0" tall, thin build, short hair, wearing a white t-shirt and dark pants. They put out a crime broadcast of the incident to other patrol units.

Approximately ten or fifteen minutes later they learned that a unit observed the stolen vehicle parked on 117 Street just east of Willowbrook Avenue. He said he knows that particular area to be a gang neighborhood. He and other patrol units took up positions so they could maintain a surveillance of the vehicle. He and his partner positioned themselves on Willowbrook Avenue, just north of 117 Street. A short time later they were advised that person(s) had entered the stolen vehicle and were driving eastbound on 117 Street. He then began to drive southbound on Willowbrook Avenue to assist in stopping the vehicle.

As he was about to turn left (eastbound) on 117 Street, the stolen vehicle turned southbound on Willowbrook Avenue directly in front

of them. The driver of the stolen vehicle had apparently made a u-turn from eastbound to westbound 117 Street. He saw Unit 213A, Deputies [redacted] and Jaimes, travelling westbound on 117 Street and turn behind them. As they followed the vehicle they could only see the driver in the vehicle. The driver was later identified as Mr. Latece Brown. They began to broadcast their activities and movements over their radio. As they followed the vehicle Mr. Brown slowed down, and was looking back over his right shoulder. He could not determine if Mr. Brown was looking back at them, or what he was specifically looking at or doing. Mr. Brown then turned left (eastbound) on 118 Street. The vehicle started to slow down and travel eastbound in the westbound lane of 118 Street. He thought Mr. Brown was trying to position himself so he could exit the vehicle and run. He then activated the overhead emergency lights of his unit to stop the stolen vehicle.

Mr. Brown then accelerated into the driveway of [redacted] East 118 Street, which is positioned on the north side of 118 Street. At the same time he observed a person, later identified as Mr. Keith Russell, raise up from his hidden position in the back seat of the vehicle and came into view. He drove his patrol unit into the driveway behind the stolen vehicle. He observed Mr. Russell exit the right rear passengers door of the stolen vehicle, while the vehicle was still moving, and stumble. He could see that Mr. Russell was holding a semi-automatic pistol in one of his hands, possibly his left hand. Mr. Russell began to run northbound alongside the stolen vehicle.

Deputy Chase said it was at this point in time that concern for he and his partners safety became even more intense. He realized the suspect was not giving up, was armed, and didn't discard the gun. He believed that Mr. Russell was going to use the firearm against them. As his patrol unit came to a stop, he observed Mr. Russell run in front of the stolen vehicle. At the same time he observed Mr. Brown opening the drivers door of the stolen vehicle to exit. He could see that Mr. Brown was also armed with a pistol in his right hand. At this time he realized they were being confronted by two armed suspects. He then heard a shot and observed a muzzle flash come from Mr. Russell's position in front of the stolen vehicle. He believed that there was going to be a gun battle with the suspects.

At this point in time, with Mr. Russell in front of the stolen vehicle shooting at them and Mr. Brown exiting the vehicle with a pistol, he realized he was at a position of disadvantage. He was still seated in the drivers seat of his patrol unit. He believed he was in a direct line of fire by the suspects and was going to be killed. He believed that Mr. Brown was going to begin shooting at him once he exited the stolen vehicle. He then recalled Mr. Brown's body movements of looking over the drivers seat behind him while they (Deputies) were following them. He realized that the driver had probably been discussing a plan of action with Mr.

Russell who been hiding in the back seat.

Due to Mr. Russell in front of the stolen vehicle shooting at him and his partner, and Mr. Brown exiting the vehicle with a pistol, he believed that Mr. Brown's intent was to confront him and his partner with the firearm. Fearing for his and his partner's life, he opened his door, put his foot on the ground, and using the car door and it's frame as cover, slid down into the seat and fired eight or nine shots at Mr. Brown. He said he could see behind Mr. Brown and knew he had a clear field of fire.

As he slid down in the seat and was firing at Mr. Brown, he lost view of him for a moment. He realized that his partner was also firing at the suspect(s), and believed Mr. Russell was still firing his pistol at them. He looked up and saw that Mr. Brown was laying on the ground next to the vehicle's drivers door. He observed Mr. Russell running in a northeasterly direction to the backyard of the residence.

While his partner held Mr. Brown at gun point, and realizing that Mr. Russell was armed and nearby, he reloaded a fresh magazine of ammunition into his weapon. Mr. Brown was then handcuffed and taken into custody. He noted that the Mr. Brown had not been injured during the incident. The area was contained, searched, and Mr. Russell was found hiding nearby.

Investigators asked if he observed Mr. Russell point the pistol at them and fire. He replied that when Mr. Russell ran to the front of the stolen vehicle, he observed him turn towards them and was in the process of aiming the pistol at them. He said he had turned his attention away from Mr. Russell, and was concentrating on Mr. Brown, who was in the process of exiting the drivers door of the vehicle with a pistol. He was asked how many times Mr. Russell shot at them. He replied he wasn't sure, but it was approximately two of three times. He was asked if Mr. Russell had fired at them from different positions during the incident, and he said yes. He said Mr. Russell shot at them from his first position in front of the stolen vehicle, and later from another position in the backyard. He was asked if anything was said between he and his partner and the suspects during the incident. He said the incident happened very fast and could not remember saying anything, or hearing the suspects say anything. He said he concentrated on Mr. Brown because he was the immediate threat to him, while his partner was engaging Mr. Russell. He said that during the ordeal, he accidentally shot the drivers side spot light of his unit.

Investigators examined Deputy Chase's pistol and observed it is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issued 9mm, Beretta, Model 92F, semi-automatic pistol, Serial Number [redacted]. There was one live 9mm shell in the chamber and (15) live 9mm shells in the magazine. The magazine in his ammunition pouch contained (15) live 9mm shells. All of his ammunition was Los Angeles County Sheriff's

Department issued "Winchester 9mm Luger" ammunition. Deputy Chase said his third magazine was left at the scene of the incident when he reloaded his weapon. He said he carries his weapon with one live shell in the chamber and (15) live shells in his three magazines. Investigators subsequently examined Deputy Chase's magazine left at the crime scene and observed that it contained six live 9mm shells. This indicated that Deputy Chase fired a total of (10) times at Mr. Brown.

On 11/28/95 (Tuesday) at 0020 hours Investigators interviewed **DEPUTY MICHAEL OMAR THOMAS MW/**[redacted] of Century Sheriff's Station. This interview was tape recorded and the following is a synopsis of that interview.

Deputy Thomas told Investigators he has been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for approximately (5 1/2) years. He has been working a patrol assignment for approximately four weeks. On 11/27/95 he was working in a patrol function on the PM shift as Unit 213, with his partner Deputy Bruce Chase. He was working in full uniform and in a marked patrol unit.

On 11/27/95 (Monday) at approximately 1804 hours he and his partner went to a carjacking just occurred call at 115 Place and Mona Boulevard. Unit 213A, Deputies Angel Jaimes and [redacted], assisted them. The Victim was Spanish speaking only, so Deputy Jaimes interpreted. He (Deputy Thomas) put out a crime broadcast to other units in the area regarding the incident. A short time later a patrol unit observed the stolen vehicle parked on 117 Street, between Willowbrook Avenue and Mona Boulevard. The area was then contained by patrol units in hope of catching the person responsible for the carjacking. He and his partner parked under the 105 Freeway, on Willowbrook Avenue just north of 117 Street.

After approximately five minutes someone broadcasted that the stolen vehicle was moving eastbound on 117 Street. His partner, Deputy Chase, drove southbound on Willowbrook Avenue and was about to turn eastbound on 117 Street when the stolen vehicle suddenly appeared. The driver of the stolen vehicle, later identified as Mr. Latece Brown, cut in front of them and drove southbound on Willowbrook Avenue. He observed only Mr. Brown inside the stolen vehicle. Deputy Chase followed the vehicle southbound on Willowbrook Avenue and then eastbound on 118 Street. As they followed the vehicle Mr. Brown would look back at them over his right shoulder. Due to the fact the vehicle was stolen in an armed robbery, he believed that Mr. Brown was possibly armed with some type of firearm and he was concerned for his and his partner's safety. Deputy Chase activated the emergency overhead lights of their patrol unit to stop the stolen vehicle.

Mr. Brown started to slow down, and then accelerated and drove into the driveway of [redacted] East 118 Street, and drove to the rear of the driveway. There was a chain link fence at the end of the driveway,

and there was a truck on the north side of the fence. Mr. Brown drove the stolen vehicle into the fence and knocked it's chain link gate down. Just before the vehicle hit the gate and while it was still moving, he observed a male Black raise up in the back seat. This person was later identified as Mr. Keith Russell. Mr. Russell opened the right rear passengers door and exited. Mr. Russell stumbled, and ran northbound alongside the vehicle. He could see Mr. Russell was armed with a pistol in one of his hands. He could only describe the firearm as dark in color. At the same time he observed Mr. Brown open the drivers door, and observed a pistol in his right hand. Deputy Thomas said he was very concerned about his and his partner's safety, and he was scared. Both he and Deputy Chase then said to one another, "He's got a gun". It was apparent to him that neither Mr. Brown or Mr. Russell were going to give up, they were both armed, and he knew something was going to "happen". He said he could easily see the suspects because they were illuminated by the headlights of their patrol unit, and Mr. Russell was also illuminated by the headlights of the stolen vehicle.

He said he was concentrating on the passenger, because Mr. Russell was on his side of the vehicle and the immediate threat to him. He described Mr. Russell as being a male Black, 6'0", thin, wearing dark pants and blue sweat jacket with a hood. Mr. Russell ran to the front of the stolen vehicle, near the left front fender, and turned towards them. Mr. Russell then pointed his pistol at them and fired at them. He heard several shots and saw the muzzle flash of the weapon. He believed that Mr. Russell was trying to kill him and his partner, and deputies who were arriving at the location behind them. To protect his own life and the life of his fellow deputies, and the lives of innocent civilians, he fired several times at Mr. Russell.

He then observed that Mr. Brown was laying on the ground next to the stolen vehicle. He then heard Deputy Angel Jaimes coming up from behind him to help. He knelt down on one knee and again observed muzzle flashes and heard gunfire in the northeast corner of the backyard. He was stunned, or surprised, that Mr. Russell was shooting at them again, rather then running and trying to get away. For the protection of his own life and that of his fellow deputies, he again fired his weapon at Mr. Russell several times. He said he could clearly see the muzzle flashes and a silhouette of Mr. Russell when he fired. He then reloaded his weapon with a full magazine, and at the same time heard more gunfire coming from Mr. Russell's position. He then realized that Deputy Jaimes was also shooting at Mr. Russell. He saw Mr. Russell climb the fence on the east side of the property line and disappear from view.

He and Deputy Chase then turned their attention to Mr. Brown and took him into custody. Mr. Brown was not injured during the incident. He recalled that Mr. Russell may have been wearing gloves during the incident. The area was contained by patrol units and a search was conducted for Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell was found

hiding nearby and arrested.

Deputy Thomas said he does not remember saying anything to the suspects, nor the suspects saying anything, during the incident. He recalled saying to Deputy Chase as they were stopping in the driveway that the suspects were going to run.

Investigators examined Deputy Thomas' pistol and observed that it is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issued 9mm Beretta, Model 92FS, semi-automatic pistol, Serial Number [redacted]. There was one live 9mm shell in the chamber and (14) live 9mm shells in the magazine. Deputy Thomas' other magazine contained (15) live 9mm shells. All of his ammunition was Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issued "Winchester 9mm Luger" ammunition. Deputy Thomas said his other magazine was left at the crime scene when he reloaded his weapon. He carries his pistol with one shell in the chamber and (15) shells in each of his three magazines. Investigators subsequently examined Deputy Thomas' magazine at the location and observed that it was empty. This indicated that during the incident, Deputy Thomas fired a total of (16) times at Mr. Russell.

On 11/28/95 (Tuesday) at 0120 hours Investigators interviewed **DEPUTY ANGEL EUSTORGIO JAIMES MH/**[redacted] of Century Sheriff's Station. This interview was tape recorded and the following is a synopsis of that interview.

Deputy Jaimes told Investigators he has been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for approximately six years. He has been working a patrol assignment for approximately four months. On 11/27/95 he was working in a patrol function on the PM shift as Unit 213A, with his partner Deputy [redacted]. He was working in full uniform and in a marked patrol unit.

On the evening of 11/27/95 (Monday) he and his partner assisted Unit 213, Deputies Chase and Thomas, regarding a carjacking call. He interpreted because the victim was Spanish speaking only. The victim said he was approached by a male Black, 6'1", 160 pounds, short hair, riding a beach cruiser bicycle, not wearing a shirt, but with a white t-shirt draped over his shoulder. The male Black pointed a blue steel semi-automatic pistol at the victim's head and stole his vehicle.

He and his partner then responded to a traffic accident at the corner of 118 Street and Willowbrook Avenue. While at this location, they heard a broadcast that a patrol unit had found the stolen vehicle on 117 Street. He and his partner observed that the stolen vehicle was parked eastbound on the south side of 117 Street, approximately (20) feet east of Willowbrook Avenue. The left rear passengers door of the vehicle was open, and no one was inside the vehicle. Deputy [redacted] commented that it appeared that the person who stole the vehicle was preparing to do a drive-by

shooting. Deputy [redacted] set up a containment to observe the vehicle in an effort to catch the person who stole it. He and Deputy [redacted] parked on Mona Boulevard at 117 Street, so that they could maintain a view of the vehicle.

Approximately ten or fifteen minutes later two people entered the vehicle. The vehicle travelled eastbound on 117 Street, made a u-turn, and began to travel westbound on 117 Street. Deputy [redacted] began to broadcast the activities of the stolen vehicle and at the same time began to drive westbound on 117 Street. The driver of the vehicle turned southbound on Willowbrook Avenue, directly in front of Unit 213, Deputies Chase and Thomas. The driver of the stolen vehicle almost collided with Unit 213. Deputy Chase followed the vehicle southbound on Willowbrook Avenue, while he and Deputy [redacted] followed directly behind them.

They followed the stolen vehicle eastbound on 118 Street, where it quickly turned into a driveway of a residence ([redacted] East 118 Street) on the north side of the street. Deputy [redacted] stopped in the street adjacent to the driveway. He observed a male Black, later identified as Mr. Russell, exit the passengers side of the vehicle and begin to run northbound alongside the vehicle. He could see that Mr. Russell had a pistol in one of his hands and was wearing a dark bulky jacket with a hood.

He then exited the patrol unit to assist Deputies Chase and Thomas, while Deputy [redacted] drove around the block and positioned himself on 117 Street, directly north of their position and in the path of where Mr. Russell was running.

Deputy Jaimes said he ran towards Deputies Chase and Thomas to assist them. As he approached the patrol unit he heard gunfire, and saw muzzle flashes, coming from an area in front of the patrol unit. He thought Mr. Russell was shooting at them and trying to kill them. He saw Deputy Thomas returning gunfire at Mr. Russell. He saw Deputy Chase inside the drivers seat of the patrol unit. He took a position of cover behind the patrol unit, to assess the situation.

He continued to hear gunfire and observed Deputy Thomas firing at Mr. Russell. At this point in time he could not see Mr. Russell's position. He saw Deputy Thomas step to the right and kneel down, at which time he moved forward and joined Deputy Thomas. He was looking in the area north of their position, and observed and Mr. Russell shoot two to three times at them from the backyard of the location. He could see the muzzle flashes of Mr. Russell's firearm. The muzzle flashes illuminated Mr. Russell's hand and arm and he could see that the weapon was pointed directly at them when he was shooting. Believing that Mr. Russell was trying to kill them, and to protect his life and the lives of his fellow deputies, he fired three time at Mr. Russell. He again took cover and assessed the situation. He turned his attention to Deputy Chase

and they approached and arrested the driver of the stolen vehicle, Mr. Brown. The area was contained and searched for Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell was found hiding nearby and arrested.

Investigators examined Deputy Jaimes' pistol and observed that it is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issued 9mm Beretta, Model 92FS, semi-automatic pistol, Serial Number [redacted]Z. There was one live 9mm shell in the chamber and (11) live 9mm shells in the magazine. There were (15) live 9mm shells in his other two magazines. All of his ammunition was Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issued "Winchester 9mm Luger" ammunition. He carries his weapon with one live 9mm shell in the chamber, and (15) live 9mm shells in each of his magazines. This indicated that Deputy Jaimes fired his weapon a total of four times at Mr. Russell.

On 11/28/95 (Tuesday) at 0150 hours Investigators interviewed **DEPUTY** [redacted] **MH/**[redacted] of Century Sheriff's Station. This interview was tape recorded, and the following is a synopsis of that interview.

Deputy [redacted] told Investigators he has been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for approximately (12) years. He has been working a patrol assignment for (10) years. On 11/27/95 he was working in a patrol function on the PM shift as Unit 213A, with his partner Deputy Angel Jaimes. He was working in full uniform and in a marked patrol unit.

On the evening of 11/27/95 (Monday) he and his partner assisted Unit 213, Deputies Thomas and Chase, regarding a carjacking call on the 2400 block of 115 Place. The victim of this incident was Spanish speaking only, so he and his partner interpreted. The victim was robbed of his vehicle. A short time later he and his partner responded to the corner of 118 Street and Willowbrook Avenue regarding a traffic accident. While at the intersection he and his partner were notified that the stolen vehicle in the carjacking was found on 117 Street, just east of Willowbrook Avenue. He drove to 117 Street and observed the stolen vehicle parked eastbound on the south side of 117 Street. A containment was set up with other patrol units and they waited for the vehicle to move. He and his partner waited at the corner of Mona Boulevard and 117 Street.

After approximately (10) or (15) minutes Deputy Moreno advised units that the stolen vehicle was now travelling eastbound on 117 Street. He began to drive westbound on 117 Street, and observed the driver of the vehicle, later identified as Mr. Brown, make a u-turn and travel westbound on 117 Street. He followed the vehicle and began to broadcast his observations to other patrol units. Mr. Brown turned southbound on Willowbrook Avenue, directly in front of Unit 213, Deputies Chase and Thomas. Unit 213 followed directly behind the stolen vehicle, and he followed directly behind Unit 213. He could see only one person, Mr. Brown, within the vehicle.

Mr. Brown turned eastbound on 118 Street, accelerated, and quickly turned into the driveway of a residence [redacted] East 118 Street). He said he activated the overhead rotating lights of his patrol unit when they were following the stolen vehicle on 118 Street. Unit 213, Deputies Chase and Thomas, drove into the driveway behind the stolen vehicle. He stopped in the street adjacent to the driveway. Believing there was going to be a foot pursuit, he instructed Deputy Jaimes to exit their patrol unit and assist Deputies Chase and Thomas. He then drove around the block to 117 Street, north of the stolen vehicle, to contain the area and prevent Mr. Brown from escaping from them.

As he reached Willowbrook Avenue he heard approximately (20) to (25) gunshots from the location, and immediately advised assisting units of what was taking place. He took up a position on 117 Street and began to coordinate other patrol units. They searched the area and subsequently found and arrested Mr. Russell. He noted that Mr. Russell had suffered a gunshot wound to his right shoulder. He subsequently arranged a field show-up with the carjacking victim and the suspects. Mr. Russell was identified as the person who robbed the victim of his vehicle. Deputy [redacted] said he did not fire his firearm during the incident.

On 11/28/95 (Tuesday) at 0220 hours Investigators interviewed **LATECE MEGALE BROWN MB/25 DOB: 10/25/70** of [redacted], unemployed, at the jail facility of Century Sheriff's Station. This interview was tape recorded, which will be transcribed and made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of that interview.

Mr. Brown was advised of his constitutional rights per Shad 477, which he waived. He said he understood his rights and would talk to us about the incident without the presence of an attorney. He said he and Keith Russell were with some friends on 117 Street when "Anthony" drove up in the vehicle. He asked Anthony for a ride home. He, Anthony, and Keith Russell left in the vehicle. He drove because he was the only person with a drivers license.

Investigators pointed out to him that he and Keith Russell were the only people inside the vehicle at the time of the incident. There was no other person observed inside the vehicle. Investigators told him that we believed he was lying and that no one else was involved.

Mr. Brown said he did lie about the existence of Anthony, it was only himself and Mr. Russell inside the vehicle. He stated that Keith Russell actually arrived on 117 Street driving the vehicle. He said they left in the vehicle with him driving, but he did not know the vehicle was stolen. He was asked why he drove into the driveway of a residence, rather then stopping on the street when the deputies attempted to pull him over. He said he does not know why he did it, he just did. He denied ever having a gun, and

denied any knowledge of Mr. Russell being armed with a gun.

Mr. Brown was asked why Mr. Russell was laying down in the back seat of the vehicle. He shrugged his shoulders and could not explain this fact to us. He was asked if he knew the people who resided at the residence of [redacted] East 118 Street, the driveway which he stopped in. He replied that he didn't.

Mr. Brown insisted he had no knowledge that the vehicle was stolen when he first entered it. Investigators pointed out that when he was being followed by the deputies, he was observed looking back over his shoulder at them and talking with Mr. Russell. He said he was talking with Mr. Russell. He was asked what the contents of this conservation was. He said it was then that Mr. Russell told him that the vehicle was stolen and he was in possession of a gun. Mr. Russell told him to pull over at the first driveway so he could run. He said he was not trying to elude or evade the deputies when he drove into the driveway.

He said he is not a gang member, but was formally a member of the "117 Street" crip gang.

On 11/28/95 at Century Sheriff's Station Investigators Purcell and Lillienfeld gave Investigators two firearms, a blue vest, and two white t-shirts with blood stains, which were recovered at the crime scene. Detective Carlos Ponce, Operation Safe Streets, gave Investigators two Gunshot Residue Kits, Mr. Russell's clothing, and a pair of brown gloves (Evidence Held Items #28 through #31).

On 11/28/95 (Tuesday) at 0730 hours Investigators and Century Patrol Deputies conducted another search of the location for any possible firearm evidence. Deputy Terence Johnson #[redacted], Unit 213A, found a copper jacket of a projectile (Evidence Held Item #26) in the backyard of [redacted]. The residence of [redacted] is [redacted] door and [redacted] of [redacted] East 118 Street. The copper jacket was on the ground next to and east of the chain link fence [redacted] the two residences.

On 11/28/95 (Tuesday) at 0910 hours Investigators interviewed [redacted] regarding the incident. This interview was tape recorded, which will be transcribed and made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of that interview.

Ms. [redacted] told Investigators she was at home in her bathroom when the incident occurred. Her bathroom is positioned on the [redacted] side of her residence. The driveway of her home is also positioned on the [redacted] side of her residence. She heard some vehicles stopping in her driveway. She heard voices shouting, which was followed by gunfire. She described the gunfire as first being a single shot, which was followed by several shots. She called "911" and reported what was occurring.

Ms. [redacted] described the first shot she heard as coming from the [redacted] of her residence, and then the shots that followed came from the side of her home. The gunfire was from two different positions. She described the shots as an "exchange of gunfire", because of the shots coming from two different positions.

She said she did not know the suspects involved in the incident.

On the afternoon of 11/28/95 (Tuesday) Sergeant Bill Winn #[redacted], Century Sheriff's Station, conducted an another search of the location at the direction of Investigators. Sergeant Winn organized Century Sheriff's Station Deputies to look for any additional firearm evidence at the crime scene. During this search Sergeant Winn found a copper jacket of a projectile (Evidence Held Item #27) in the backyard of [redacted] East 118 Street. Sergeant Winn gave this firearm evidence to Investigators.

On 11/28/95 (Tuesday) 1410 hours Investigators interviewed **KEITH KEYON RUSSELL MB/18 DOB: 12/08/76** of [redacted], unemployed, at Main Central Jail. This interview was tape recorded, which will be transcribed and made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of that interview.

Investigators advised Mr. Russell of his constitutional rights per shad 477, which he waived. He said he understood his rights and would talk to us about the incident without the presence of an attorney.

Mr. Russell told Investigators that during the evening hours of 11/27/95 (Monday) he robbed the victim of his vehicle. He rode up on his bicycle, pointed a gun at the victim, and stole his vehicle. He left his bicycle at the scene of the robbery. He drove to 117 Street and visited some friends. A short time later he and Mr. Brown left in the vehicle. Mr. Brown was driving and he was in the back seat.

When the deputies tried to pull them over, Mr. Brown drove into the driveway of a residence. As Mr. Brown was stopping the stolen vehicle, he exited the right rear passengers door and began to run from the deputies. He ran northbound through the backyard of the residence. When he exited the vehicle he took his gun with him. He said he climbed a fence in the backyard of the residence and kept running. As he was climbing the fence, his pistol accidentally discharged twice. He said the deputies were shooting at him when he was running and he was struck in the right shoulder by the gunfire. He denied ever aiming his gun at the deputies, or shooting at them.

Investigators asked him why he exited the stolen vehicle with the gun, and he said he didn't know. He said the gun he had was the same gun he used to rob the victim of his vehicle. He said he was a member of the "117 Street" crip gang and is known to fellow gang

members as "Smurf".

On 11/28/95 Investigators submitted the firearms (Receipt #H767170 and Receipt #H767169) recovered at the crime scene to Scientific Services Bureau - Fingerprints and Firearms, for examination and analysis. Investigators also submitted two Gunshot Residue Kits (Receipt #H767173 and #H767172), one pair of gloves (Receipt #H767171), two projectiles (Evidence Held Items #26 and #27 - Receipt #H752849), and the pistols (Receipt #H752848) of Deputies Chase, Jaimes, and Thomas to Scientific Services Bureau for examination and analysis.

On 12/05/95 Sergeant Bill Winn, Century Sheriff's Station, advised Investigators that numerous gang members had searched the crime scene after Investigators had left the location. Sergeant Winn learned this from people living near the crime scene.

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